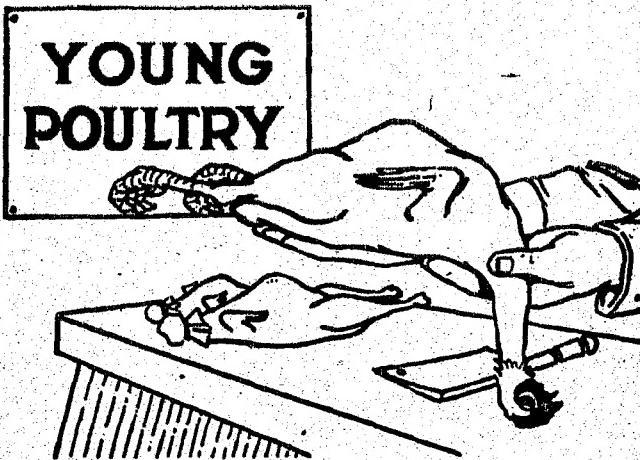


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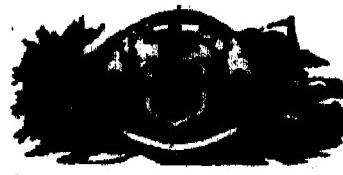
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GRAYLING, MICHIGAN, DECEMBER 24, 1914.

Local News

The shingle mill at Lovells started working last Monday.

Sheriff elect Cody made a business trip to Cheboygan Tuesday.

Gottlie Kraus is expected home from Detroit to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hammond and Peter Peterson will spend Christmas in Bay City.

Irving Hodge is assisting in the M. Simpson Est. grocery during the holiday season.

Mrs. Jane Peters of Scotts Bluff, Nebraska, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Grant Shaw, and other relatives.

Mrs. A. H. Wetz of Dayton, Ohio, is expected to arrive in time to spend Christmas with her relatives in Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burke of Frederic were called to Union City Mich., last week to attend the funeral of a relative.

Miss Laura Simpson, who is a teacher in the schools at Calumet, arrived home Saturday to spend the holidays at her home.

Mrs. A. Kraus returned Monday after a six weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Saginaw, Detroit, Lansing and Ypsilanti.

Invitations have been received by many here to attend a grand dancing party at West Branch Christmas night, given by a young men's club.

Miss Cornelia McElstrum arrived home from Houston, Miss., Tuesday to spend the holidays visiting her mother, Mrs. J. McElstrum, and other relatives.

Notice. If it is first class work in painting, decorating or paper hanging let Conrad Sorenson do your work. All work guaranteed. Artistic wall paper for sale; all the latest effects. ff.

Tonight, Wednesday, at 7:00 o'clock a children's Christmas tree will be decorated at the Methodist church and the scholars will give a program of recitation and song. All welcome.

The Avalanche has secured a number of maps of Crawford county that will furnish new or renewal subscription at 50 cents each. The regular price of these maps is \$1.00.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Brennan, Mr. and Mrs. William Brennan, Miss Nellie Shanahan and Edmund Shanahan attended the funeral of a relative, Mrs. F. Brady, in Mackinaw last Friday.

Miss Augusta Kraus, who has been taking a primary graded course at the Ypsilanti normal school, graduated with high honors last Thursday evening. We congratulate Miss Kraus on her success.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tromble will spend Christmas in Detroit, guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Guy Bradley. Mr. Tromble says that this will be the first Christmas spent away from Grayling during the past 25 years.

An article written by Mrs. Edith C. Munger, of Hart, Mich., in the interest of bird life, is published in this issue of the Avalanche. Our little feathered friends are deserving of consideration during this time of year when food is hard to find. The article is headed "Free Reception, Luncheon and Concert on Christmas Day."

Frank Carpenter of this city has established a milk business here, supplying his first customers Monday. This has been a long felt need in Grayling for at times it has been impossible to obtain any milk at all. Mr. Carpenter says that he has about 150 customers to begin with and says that he will be able to supply an unlimited number. He is using sanitary milk tickets, such as are used in large cities, and intends to keep everything right up to the standard required by the State Dairy and Food department. Mr. Carpenter was formerly a meat cutter in the Guy Slade market.

Among the special Christmas editions coming to us as exchanges we note with pride those of The Ithaca Herald, edited by McCall Bros.; Otsego Advance, edited by Forrest A. Lord; Presque Isle Advance, of Rogers City, edited by Harry Whiteley, representative elect from this district; and the Hastings Banner, edited by Cook Bros. All four of these editions are deserving of a lot of credit for their excellent appearances and for the large amount of advertising they carry. They are mirrors of the business enterprises in the communities they represent and of the hustling ability of their publishers.

Miss Louise Trevegno is in Mercy hospital, where she underwent an operation Monday. For some time she had been having trouble with her spine, and was operated upon at Mt. Pleasant last year for such trouble. Drs. Insley and Keyport who performed the operation Monday say that they have found the real cause of her trouble and that they expect no more recurrences. It is expected that Miss Trevegno will have to remain at the hospital for three or four weeks, where she is being made as comfortable as possible.

She is expecting her mother to arrive from Mt. Pleasant to spend a few days and help to cheer her up over Christmas time. Miss Augusta Kraus will fill Miss Trevegno's place as teacher in the South side school until she is able to return.

At a meeting of the Odd Fellows Lodge Tuesday evening, Charles O. McCullough was elected manager of the Temple theatre, and he will assume his duties at once. Since the lease of Mr. Salling had expired (December 1st) Mr. McCullough has been looking after the Temple and has been so successful that the lodge has elected him manager for another year. Mr. McCullough requested us to say that the Temple was for rent for all purposes such as shows, dancing parties, lectures and all kind of entertainments, and agrees that the room will be comfortable and warm for all occasions. The Temple is the only public place available in Grayling for dancing parties, at the present time. The next party to be held there will be the third annual party of the Loyalty Order of Moose on New Year's night. This will soon be followed by the big society event, the Charity ball, and later by the first annual K. of P. ball.

Local news will be found on the first, fifth and eighth pages this week.

Gymnasium Nearly Finished.
The gymnasium, which is being erected by The Danish Young People's society, is now nearing completion. The furnace is installed, and the building is being wired for lights. As soon as the building is finished arrangements have been made for an afternoon entertainment, which will consist of lectures, etc., and this will be free of charge. In the evening there will be exhibitions of Scandinavian Folk dances, children's plays, gymnastic exercises etc., for which there will be a small admission fee charged, in order to help defray expenses for apparatus to be used there. Date will be given later.

Social membership cards (price of which is \$1.00 a year) will soon be on sale. These will entitle holders to go to some exhibitions in gymnastic exercises, which will be held from time to time, when members will be notified of dates in the Avalanche column. The young people hope to dispose of a goodly number of these cards and those not desiring to join gymnasium classes will help the cause along by joining club as a social members.

The price of joining gymnasium classes is \$1 and 50 cents fee a month payable quarterly in advance. This is not a Danish affair altogether but open for everyone fourteen years of age or over. Gymnasium suits can be had at Olaf Sorenson & Sons' store.

As soon as the building is opened classes will be organized and work begun.

Citizens' Band Concert.
"Music hath charms to soothe the savage as well as the despondent breast."

On Thursday evening last, the Grayling Citizens' band, under the leadership of E. G. Clark gave a high class concert at the Temple theatre. The pieces rendered were well executed and the leader and players are to be complimented on their efficiency. A charming medley of Irish compositions was executed by the band with great feeling and effect. Various musical solos were rendered, including a couple of vocal solos, "A Game of Love" and "You're Here and I'm Here", sung by Ross Gleason, which received great applause. Rev. Mitchell sang beautifully "The Lost Chord." A cornet and trombone duet by Clark and Brown was well received. A saxophone solo by Francis Reagan was fine, and a baritone solo, "The Message," by Claude Gilson was well received. There was dancing after the concert, which was very much enjoyed by everyone who attended.

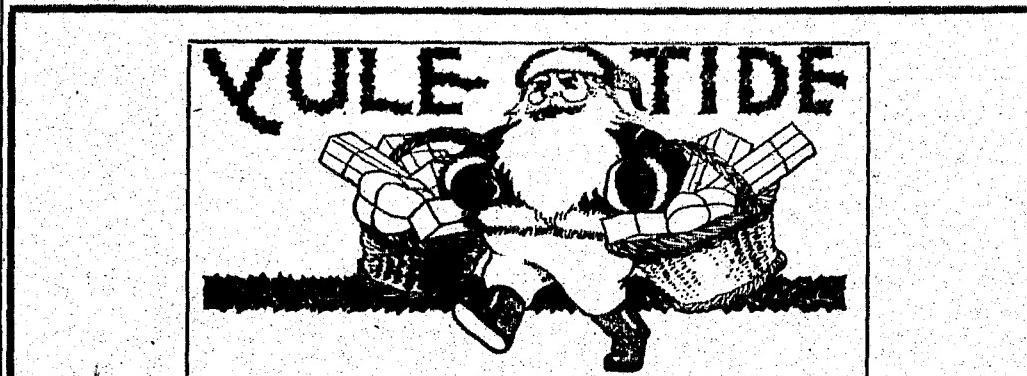
M. E. Church Notes.
It is a manly thing to join in Christian worship at some church or other. Rev. A. Mitchell of the Methodist church welcomes you to services on Sunday next, in the morning at 10:30 and in the evening at 7:00 o'clock. Good, stirring music and singing. The church is nicely heated. Parents, send your children to Sunday school. Last Sunday we had 170 scholars present. Make this church your home church and get into the habit of going to service.

Resolutions of Condolence.
Companion Court, Grayling No. 652. Whereas our Heavenly Father has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved companion, Ida Hammond Peterson, be it resolved that the sympathy of our court be extended to the bereaved husband and family in this, their hour, and be it further

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be placed on file, a copy sent to the bereaved family, and a copy sent to the local paper for publication.

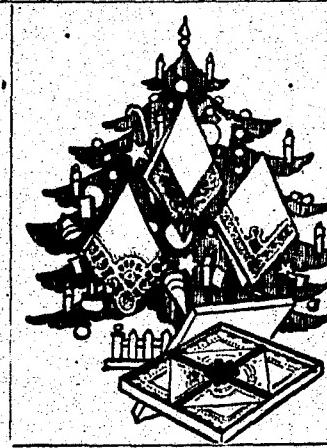
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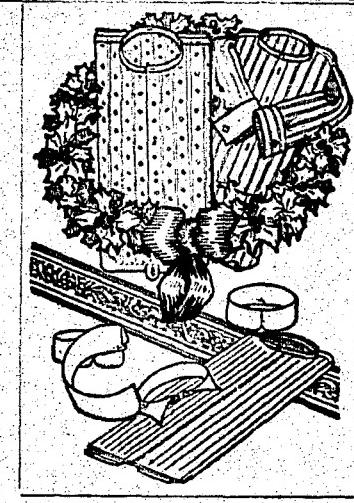
Christmas Store House

Great Xmas stocks crowd the walls of this store—useful reasonable articles, fresh from the leading makers of this country and Europe. Each assortment bears the unmistakable hall-mark of distinctive quality, etc., so desirable when selecting gifts. Save time, trouble and money, by coming direct to this Xmas Store House for your Holiday Presents.



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for men, women and children. There are no disappointments because of duplications if you give handkerchiefs—who ever had too many handkerchiefs? Prices 5c to \$2.



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Best domestic and foreign makes for women and children, for evening, dress street, automobile, etc.

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Stylish, serviceable gifts in silk for men and women.

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Bought expressly for Xmas, hence strictly up-to-date.

The latest for women and children in rufflings, collars, stocks, collar sets, scarfs, jabots, etc.

Christmas Aprons

An attractive specialty with us. Inexpensive but acceptable presents. Maids aprons, tea aprons, fancy bib aprons.

Fancy Linens

Our reputation as the Linen Store adds to the appreciation of your gift if it is bought here. Lunch cloths, lunch sets, table sets, tablecloths, napkins, towels and scarfs.

Bags, Suit Cases

What is more practical and suitable for a Xmas gift than a travelling bag or suit case?

Practically everything in travelling luggage will be found here and we pride ourselves that our prices, quality considered, are the lowest in the city.



For more about our superb stock from which to choose your Xmas Gifts we cordially invite you to call and see for yourself. Make this store your headquarters.

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Berlin Hopes Invasion Peril Ended—Czar Denies Disaster.

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Statement From Petrograd Claims
Muscovites Have Captured Three
Thousands Prisoners—Army
Lines Rearranged.

London, Dec. 21.—Although there seems no doubt that the Russians are retreating and that for the present any anticipations the allies may have held of an early invasion of Germany must be dismissed, considerable mystery surrounds the reported decisive victory by the Germans which Berlin celebrated.

The following statement from the general staff of the Russian army was made public in Petrograd:

"On the left bank of the Vistula an almost complete lull has replaced the attacks made by the enemy. All of these attacks we repelled."

"In connection with the advance of part of our troops toward the Bzura river (Russia Poland) and in view of the fact that the Austrians are continually receiving re-enforcements in the Carpathians, we have thought fit to rearrange the positions of some of our armies."

"We checked the offensive of the enemy in western Galicia. We have captured 3,000 prisoners, several guns and mitrailleuses."

Berlin, Dec. 19, by wireless.—The official press bureau gave out the following items:

"In Poland we continue to pursue the retreating enemy."

"Although the headquarters report is clear of detail there is general expectation that the Russian defeat will prove to have been complete. From details already available, however, it seems safe to say that the victory has freed Germany for a long period from any possible menace of invasion from the east."

ENGLISH CITIES UNDER FIRE.

Shelled by German Warships, Casualties Are Put at 143 Persons.

London, Dec. 17.—Germany daringly attacked England herself early in the morning.

After a dash across the North sea on a misty night a German flotilla bombarded Hartlepool, Scarborough and Whitby, unfortified cities on the east coast of England, early in the morning.

It is announced that 143 women and men were killed. Churches were ruined, hotels, dwellings and stores were destroyed by the bombardment, which endured 40 minutes, after which the Germans steamed northward from Scarborough and escaped pursuing British cruisers.

The gun flashes indicated that four big warships were firing. One shell that has been picked up was 12 inches in diameter and 33 inches long.

The exploding shells of the bold cruisers which slipped through the British fleet and the guard ships and dodged the mines thickly strewn in the North sea, dug holes in the streets of Scarborough so wide and deep that a railway truck could pass through them.

Hurriedly called by wireless, British warships hastened from the nearest points to attack the enemy. But the German cruiser force, made up of their fastest cruisers, escaped in the mist from the British squadron.

GEN. SCOTT SENT TO NACO.

Chief of Staff Will Attempt to Stop Flying Across the Border.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Closely following the dispatch of more United States troops to Naco, Ariz., where residents have been killed and wounded by the fire of Mexican soldiers across the border, Secretary of War Garrison ordered Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, to proceed to Naco at once. He will try to induce the warring Mexican factions to stop impounding lives and property on the American side of the border.

LOOPS LOOP FOUR TIMES.

U. S. Army Aviator Performs Daring Stunt.

New York, Dec. 18.—Braving a high wind and the terrific cold, F. A. Thompson, an aviator of the army reserve corps, ascended to a height of 8,000 feet over the government aviation field in Oakland Heights, Staten Island, and made four complete loops-the-loops before reaching the ground. Thompson, who has been flying for only four months, is the fourth United States army aviator who has accomplished the looping test.

Accident Costs Bank \$100,000.
New York, Dec. 21.—The Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank was ordered by a jury in the supreme court to pay \$100,000 damages for the death of Justice Henry Bischoff, who was killed by falling into an elevator shaft.

Czar Returns to Capital.
Petrograd, Dec. 21.—Emperor Nicholas returned from Transcaucasia and immediately called a meeting of the imperial council at Tsarsko-Selo palace. The session was attended by Minister of War Soukhomlinoff.

Emden Crew Captured.
Tokyo, Dec. 21.—Forty sailors from the German cruiser Emden, who escaped when their ship was destroyed and put to sea in a small schooner, have been captured by a British warship. It was announced here.

Brig. Gen. Furey Is Dead.
New York, Dec. 21.—Brig. Gen. John Vincent Furey, U. S. A., retired, is dead at his home in Brooklyn after a brief attack of pneumonia. He was seventy-five years old and had a brilliant service record with the army.

J. BROOKS B. PARKER



COURT DECIDES RAILROAD CASES

PERE MARQUETTE WINS IN APPEAL INVOLVING BIG VENDICT.

BERRIEN JURY IS REVERSED

High Tribunal Hands Down Thirty-Five Decisions Saturday Most Of Which Are Concerning Railroads.

Lansing—Cases affecting railroads formed the bulk of 35 decisions by the supreme court Saturday.

The Pere Marquette was a winner in a case for damages brought by Catherine M. Murphy, of Chicago, widow of Dr. Alexander L. Murphy, of the same city, having a \$10,000 verdict against it wiped out completely and the doors barred to Mrs. Murphy against a further recovery. Murphy, while on his way from Chicago to Bangor, got off to stretch his legs at Benton Harbor. His train stopped there for five or six minutes, and when Murphy started to board it, at the cry of the conductor, he bumped into a baggage truck left on the platform by the company, was thrown under the wheel of the moving train and instantly killed. This was the sentence of the widow, and a Berrien county jury gave her a verdict for \$10,000, despite the fact that the company alleged that he was guilty of contributing to his own death by jumping aboard a moving train. The railroad appealed and the supreme court ruled with it. There was ample evidence, the court says, that the man had plenty of time to board the train before it started to move. The case is reversed without any new trial and judgment is entered for the defendant.

Marvin S. Brown, of Toledo, early in 1913 met with an accident on the Ann Arbor. The train started suddenly and he was thrown and his arm mangled, amputation resulting. While in the hospital he signed an agreement with the road to accept \$100 and hospital expenses. Later he sued, alleging that the agreement was got by the road's claim agent while he, Brown, was under the influence of opiates. A Washtenaw county jury gave him \$2,000, but the supreme court orders a new trial for the incorrect admission of certain evidence.

The Pere Marquette lost a decision in a suit brought by John Daly, who was injured prior to the taking over of the road by the receivers. The court refused to permit the attorneys for Daly to amend the declaration, but the supreme court says that they have the right to. The case starts all over again.

The case of John M. Braun was thrown out of the Kent county courts. It was an attempt to get damages from the Grand Rapids, Grand Haven & Muskegon interurban. Braun was on the step, ready to alight from a car, and was partly off the car when at a signal from the conductor the car started to go ahead. On the ground that Braun was negligent himself, the Kent county court entered a verdict for the defendant. The supreme court says there was enough in the case to let it go to the jury and orders a new trial.

WILSON DOES HIS SHOPPING.

Has to Push Through Crowds in Stores—Mrs. Sayre Coming.

Washington, Dec. 18.—President Wilson did his Christmas shopping during the day. He went into the downtown district at the rush hour, armed with a list of purchases he desired to make, and visited a department store, two book stores and a jewelry establishment. All of the places were crowded, and at times the president had to push his way energetically to get what he wanted. He was recognized by many of the shoppers. Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, the president's daughter, will arrive early next week to spend Christmas at the White House. She is expected to remain for more than a month.

VOTE ON TREATY IS NEAR.

Senate Committee Orders Ratification of Fact.

Washington, Dec. 17.—After months of deliberation and repeated failure to get action the foreign relations committee ordered the Nicaraguan treaty reported to the senate for ratification.

The United States would pay \$40,000 for a Nicaraguan canal route and naval base on the bay of Fonseca. The Nicaraguan treaty as reported includes an amendment prescribing that Nicaragua shall utilize a portion of the \$30,000 for the adjustment of claims and payment of certain debts.

APPROPRIATION BILL PASSED.

Measure Carrying \$36,500,000 Wins in the House.

Washington, Dec. 21.—After eliminating the \$2,000,000 item for an agricultural census in 1915, the house on Friday passed the legislative appropriation bill carrying approximately \$36,500,000.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS

The Edison Co. has purchased the Almont electric lighting plant of Frank Bishop.

Unsettled conditions in England, because of the war prevents Mrs. Matthew Shultz, of Walton, from obtaining \$75,000 bequeathed to her as an heir to an estate there.

"Punch boards" and candy drawing cards will be a thing of the past in Lenawee county after December 26.

Declaring that they are a menace to minors, Prosecuting Attorney Michael has ordered them abolished. Owners are given the few remaining days to get rid of their stocks. The prosecutor asserted that in the case of punch boards the prizes offered are nearly valueless.

At a meeting of farmers a committee was appointed to ask the state railway commission to compel the Pere Marquette to reopen its telegraph office at Valley Center and build a new depot.

The last building of any size on the village of Marion's main street was destroyed late Monday night when the three story frame dwelling owned by Ben Sharp was burned to the ground, the loss exceeding \$2,000. Early Monday morning the Wagner store building was seriously damaged by fire three weeks ago a block of eight stores on the main street was burned.

M. R. Cook, an aged farmer, living in a log hut one mile from Mullet lake near Cheboygan was burned to death Monday. Cook, who was nearly blind, was sitting by the fire when his wife went to milk. She soon discovered the shanty in a blaze, but was unable to reach her aged husband. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Edwin O. Wood, of Flint, Democratic national committeeman, was

presented with a chest of silver valued at \$300 by citizens on the anniversary of his 25th wedding anniversary.

Following an explosion from an unknown cause, the plant of the Alpena Gas Co. was damaged \$10,000 Monday night. It was partially insured. Part of the machinery was saved. The manufacture of gas was suspended only two hours and the plant was in operation Monday with the sky for a roof.

Motive Power Expert Dies.

Ft. Wayne, Ind., Dec. 19.—Bernard Fitzpatrick, aged sixty-four, and master mechanic on the Pennsylvania line west of Pittsburgh, died here.

He was one of the country's leading motive power authorities.

MICHIGAN NEWS BRIEFS

Wm. Colerick, 88, of Almont, formerly member of Gen. Custer's staff, is dead.

The West Woodbridge U. H. church, at Hillside, was destroyed by fire following an explosion of gas.

Mrs. J. A. Wust, aged 100 years and 10 months, died Saturday night of old age. She had lived at Saginaw over half a century.

Thomas Beahan aged 77, a resident of the copper country since 1854 and father of the noted financial writer and editor, Simon Beahan, of New York, died Friday at Calumet.

The state railroad commission has authorized the Southern Michigan Telephone company with the merger of that company and the Michigan State Telephone company in Branch and St. Joseph counties.

When Thomas Collier, 47 years old, employed on Isaac Spangler's farm, near Hastings, attempted to get a pail of water from a hole that he had chopped through the ice in Thornapple river, he had an epileptic fit and was drowned.

Henry Van Koevering was acquitted of second degree murder by jury in circuit court at Flint after three hours deliberation. He was charged with implication in the death of Ralph Sova, killed in a street fight, a year ago.

While operating a circular saw on a farm near Adrian, Ernest Updyke, aged 38, caught his right hand in the saw. The member was completely severed at the wrist. Surgeons were forced to amputate the arm near the elbow because of its lacerated condition.

The ancient receivership of the Toledo, Ann Arbor & Detroit railroad Co. has been terminated by Judge E. R. Gilday at Monroe by the discharge of the receivers, Willis Baldwin, of Monroe, and Maj. I. H. Geurze, of Fremont, O. Litigation began seven years ago.

Two men were seriously injured in a fire that destroyed late Monday night the main business block in the village of Briton. J. L. Exley was rendered unconscious when he was struck by a falling beam. Cass Zeluff was badly bruised by falling bricks. The fire destroyed three stores.

James R. Garfield, son of the martyred president, will speak at the annual George Washington birthday celebration at the U. of M. for a quarter of a century was given by the law students, with the exception of two years ago and last year when it was omitted because of inability to obtain the speaker desired.

Gust Olson, an engineer at No. 6 shaft of the North Kearsage mine, subsidiary of Calumet and Hecla, was killed instantly Friday morning when a boiler exploded, wrecking the compressor plant and resulting in the closing of the mine. No others were hurt. Olson being alone in the plant. The loss is estimated at \$25,000.

Mrs. Ethel Cochrane, of Lansing, was given a verdict of \$9,726.65 against the Michigan Central railroad in the Ingham county circuit court Saturday. Mrs. Cochrane's husband was killed at Jackson, January 25, of this year. This is next to the largest verdict ever given in a suit of this character in the history of the local court.

Miss Amy Fee, a senior of Albion college, whose home is in Detroit, won the women's oratorical contest in that city Thursday evening. By winning the contest Miss Fee receives a cash prize of \$25 and also is made the representative from Albion college in the state intercollegiate oratorical contest which will be held at Alma in a few weeks.

At a meeting of the Kalamazoo County Farmers' Institute at Kalamazoo Saturday noon, Prof. Allen Petrie of the Western Michigan Normal school declared that the future of the farming industry depended upon the public and normal schools of the country. He strongly advised the enlargement of agricultural courses in the public schools in cities.

As a result of the wiping out of St. Joseph's parochial school at Escanaba by fire Thursday night over 400 pupils will be thrown into the public schools following the Christmas vacation. The three-story and basement frame school structure burned to the ground from a fire that started from a stove in the basement. The loss is placed at \$20,000, covered by \$6,000 insurance.

The supreme court Saturday affirmed the writ of mandamus issued by the circuit court of Muskegon county to compel Secretary Frank Hubbard Smith, of the Muskegon board of education, to sign school bonds amounting to \$90,000. It was Smith's contention that the school had no authority to issue bonds unless the proposition was passed upon at the annual meeting of the board of education.

People in the vicinity of the building which houses the Fortnightly Musical club at Coldwater are startled when the heating plant blew up with a roar. The structure was partially wrecked, the damage being placed at \$1,600. No one was injured.

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After being ill but a few days with typhoid pneumonia, Joseph Adams,

of Genesee, is dead. Adams, who originated "Carnation day" in honor of the memory of President William McKinley, is dead at his home in Kalamazoo. Mr. Adams served as city treasurer for two years.

Judge O'Brien, Saturday morning, at Houghton, sentenced the three men convicted of second degree murder as a result of a robbery in a roadside Aug. 18. Dominick Locardi was given 10 years and Guiseppe Ombroni and Nick Ricci seven years each.

According to the biennial report of the state highway department, Michigan has expended a total of \$49,940,805.07 for road construction since 1901. The township road tax in the past thirteen years amounts to \$46,897.81, the county road tax \$7,564,907.26 and the state reward tax \$1,950,000.

On the ground that the title of the bill covers more than one subject, the supreme court, in an opinion, has de-

LETTER FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

GOVERNOR WOULD MAKE SURE OF SOUNDNESS OF LAWS BEFORE PASSING.

Gen. John P. Kirk is greatly encouraged by better spirit being developed toward National Guard.

[By Gurd M. Hayes.]

Lansing—In a letter to each member of the legislature Gov. Ferris says that every state in the union has suffered from the consequences of faulty legislation and that bills of magnitude purpose but with faulty titles have been declared unconstitutional.

"Hurried and sometimes careless legislation has furnished the higher courts with many contradictions, inconsistencies, errors and inaccuracies," said Governor Ferris. "Let the coming legislature reduce the quantity and greatly improve the quality of our statutory laws." Various means have been devised for accomplishing this desirable end and Archibald Bloomfield of Big Rapids, member of the Michigan commission for compilation of the statutes, has outlined a plan of action for the legislature to follow.

"Some cities where companies are located have done nothing to help, and they need not be surprised if these organizations are moved elsewhere when they fall below the standard set by the War Department."

The supreme court has affirmed the conviction of Lawrence Damm, an Ann Arbor saloon man found guilty of selling liquor to undergraduates and it is believed that the conviction of "Larry," as Damm is familiarly known to thousands of Michigan alumni, will serve as an object lesson to other liquor dealers in the University City who have heretofore enjoyed a big share of the student patronage.

Governor Ferris is sending to each legislator a copy of Bloomfield's report in which Bloomfield says that a system must be devised that will accomplish accuracy of statement, simplicity of language, consistency, brevity, exclusive and inclusive averments, adequate machinery to enforce it, orderly arrangement, and constitutional.

"That these ends are not attained," says Bloomfield, "

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Phone No. 1. Grayling, Michigan

Crawford Avalanche

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 24.

Has Place of Its Own.

That no newspaper, no matter how big it may be or how large its circulation, can supplant the local newspaper in the hearts of the townspeople, is the theme of an interesting editorial in a recent issue of the Scottsdale (Pa.) Independent, written by the editor, Albert L. Porter. Mr. Porter says that while it is natural to marvel at the big building being erected in New York or Pittsburgh, they signify no more than the building being done in Scottsdale or any other small community.

"It is so with the newspaper," continues the editorial. "New York papers would cover this one several times. Their pictures, their stories, their headlines, their editorials beat ours for bigness and brightness and their advertisements in space and tenor have ours somewhat far in the background, and they even make more money than we do."

"But does that settle the question? Do we therefore, give them supremacy? Do we feel by comparison a sense of shame over our own eight-page sheet?"

"Not a bit of it. These big sheets never have a line of either news or advertising about Scottsdale. Granted they do have a line if some misfortune strikes us, they do not have the daily doings of the people that we all know and there is nothing of less interest or profit than reading gossip about people we do not know. That's the big end of our reading in the big dailies."

"No indeed, neighbor, the little home paper has it all over the city newspaper and then some. And, that is just the reason that the home paper is sought after, is sent miles away to other towns, and is treasured by those

Christmas comes to us once a year.

It is the time of great rejoicing.

We are thankful for life, love and abundant harvests; this gratitude finds form in greetings to our friends.

No blessing of the Creator exceeds the divine gift of friendship.

As to the New Year, we wish you the compliments of the season and that we may be of assistance to the housewife the coming year. We are

Yours to Command,

MODEL BAKERY

THOS. CASSIDY, Prop.

Hotel Scandinavian

CHRIS F. HANSEN, Prop.

Hotel and Boarding House

Room and Board by the Day or Week

Steam Heat - Electric Lights

Fire Chief's Warning.

Chief Henry Bunker, of the Cincinnati, O., fire department, one of the greatest fire fighters in the country, has sent out the following warning in regard to Christmas trees:

"Christmas trees are listed among the most dangerous things in the world. Every year thousands of fires are started by the candles on the trees. Many of these fires result in the death or terrible injury to someone. Among those who are most likely to be burned are little children."

"Here are some 'Don'ts' in regard to a Christmas tree."

"Don't spread cotton around to represent snow. It is almost as deadly as gunpowder when touched by fire."

"Don't put too much filmy decoration on the tree if candles are to be lighted."

"Don't hang the gifts on a tree. Many fires have been started by Santa's costume catching fire from a candle when he reached for a gift."

"Don't trim Santa's costume with cotton."

"Don't make Santa's whiskers out of cotton."

"Don't place candles where the flame will come directly underneath decorations or part of the tree."

"Don't let children go near the lighted tree."

"Don't fail to have a reliable fire extinguisher handy."

"Don't open a door so that the tree will be struck by a sudden gust of air."

"Don't be afraid to call the fire department. Some of the worst fires in the world have been started because people who discovered them thought they could handle them and neglected to call the firemen."

LOVELIN.

Mr. Douglas' large shingle mill started last Friday morning.

Mr. Douglas made a business trip to Grayling Monday.

Mrs. Peter Bowman visited Mrs. C. Stillwagon Monday.

Mr. Kade of Kneeland is taking Mr. Burnside's place on the section.

Mrs. Clyde Klotz left Tuesday for visit with her mother in Lewiston.

Miss Matilda Foley was a Grayling earlier Saturday.

Lewis Bill of Detroit who has been here at his summer home for some time left Monday.

Mrs. Walter Dodge is very ill. Dr. Miller of Johannesburg is in attendance.

Miss Lillian Masters of West Branch is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. Parker.

Notice. If it is first class work in painting, decorating or paper hanging let Conrad Sorenson do your work. All work guaranteed. Artistic wall paper for sale; all the latest effects, etc.

Free Reception, Luncheon and Concert on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Downey Woodpecker, Mr. and Mrs. Brown Creeper, Mr. and Mrs. Blue Jay, Mr. and Mrs. Chickadee, and Mr. and Mrs. Nuthatch most earnestly invite all you, their friends and neighbors to attend an open air reception, luncheon and concert on Christmas day.

As evidence of their sincere hospitality the hosts and hostesses have decided to allow their guests the pleasure of choosing their own place of entertainment and of furnishing the refreshments, suggesting only that the place be not too public, that the suet, beef-bones, cheese and FRESH pork rinds be fastened on tree or pole high enough up so that dogs and cats cannot reach them, that seeds, crumbs and cracked nuts be placed on some sort of shelf out of the snow and that nothing stronger than water be provided to drink.

The reception and concert will be provided by the birds absolutely free.

Mr. Blue Jay has been for some time training his eyes and voice so as to be able to see and announce each guest the moment he appears in sight, white Mr. Blackcapped Chickadee, chairman of entertainment promises some remarkable aerobatic performances by the Downey and Nuthatch families and though modesty forbids his saying so, we know we may expect sweetest music from the Chickadee.

Remember the time, any hour between daylight and dark on Christmas day; the place, anywhere in your vicinity not too public; the refreshments, what you can spare from your bounty.

The Michigan Audubon society, as invitation committee, would be glad to have reports of successful receptions held, sent to its president.

Mrs. EDITH C. MUNGER,

Hart, Michigan.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, ss.

Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is a senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

(Seal) A. W. GLEASON,

Notary public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Seal for Testimonials from

J. J. Clegg, M. D., Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by all druggists, 75¢.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Adv.

NOTICE OF TAX COLLECTIONS.

I will be at my office in my home in Beaver Creek township every Friday during the month of December for the collection of taxes.

MARION R. HOPKINS,

Treasurer.

Nov. 26-6.

Subscribe for the Avalanche.

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WANTS

Advertisements will be accepted under this heading at the rate of 5 cents per line. No adv. taken for less than 15 cents. There are about six words to the line. SEND MONEY WITH THE ORDER.

STRICTLY FRESH EGGS—For sale. Fresh eggs gathered daily. Mrs. W. F. Brink. Phone 442.

FOUND—A rosary. Owner may have same by calling at this office and paying for this notice. 12-17-3.

FLAT FOR RENT—Three pleasant rooms. Phone 1023 or inquire of Thomas Shaw.

WANTED—Position to do house work. Address Miss Kate Loskus, South side school. 12-17-3.

ROOM for rent. Phone 1004 or inquire of Mrs. Laura Schroeder.

LOST—Purse containing sum of money, small flat brass key and personal cards. Finder please notify this office or Miss Clella Clark at South side school. 12-10-3.

LARGE SIZE—Phonograph and 100 records for cash or trade. What have you? Victor Salling. 12-10-2.

FOR SALE—Four horse power gasoline engine. Chris Hoesl, phone 1084.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, one with bath. Inquire of Mrs. E. F. Matson.

PLAIN SEWING wanted, that I can do at home. Just east of Madena's addition on the south side of the river. Drop a card in the post office and I will call for the work, and believe I can satisfy you. Mrs. Sarah Deket. 11-26-2w.

STOVE and furniture repairing and upholstering. South side, next to Hendrickson's tailor shop. Robert McQuaid. 11-19-4.

Notice of Meeting of Commissioners on Claims.

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

The Probate Court for the

County of Crawford.

In the matter of the estate of Theodore M. Odell, deceased.

Having been appointed commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons and others who may be entitled to receive notice, this four months from the seventeenth day of November, A. D. 1914 were allowed by said court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and adjustment, and that we will meet at the court house in the village of Grayling in said county, on the sixteenth day of January, A. D. 1915, and on the seventeenth day of March, A. D. 1915, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and adjusting said claims.

Dated, December 11th, A. D. 1914.

MELVIN A. BATES,

ALVIN B. FAILING,

Commissioners.

Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights.

Send model, or sketch and description for preliminary examination.

Book containing over 200 mechanical movements sent free on request.

W. N. Roach, Jr., Attorney at Law, Mechanical and Electrical Expert, McGill Building, Washington, D. C.

12-3-tf.

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

The Probate Court for the

County of Crawford.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the village of Grayling in said County, on the eighth day of December, A. D. 1914.

Present: Hon. Wellington Batterton, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Thomas McElroy, deceased.

Edward S. Houghton having filed in said court his final administration account, and his petition praying for the allowance thereof and for the assignment and distribution of the residue of said estate.

It is ordered that the 4th day of January, A. D. 1915, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, he and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition.

It is further ordered that public notice be thereof given by publication of a copy of this order, once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

WILLINGTON BATTERSON,



Buy Your Gifts From Us

Our prices are reasonable and our goods are the best. Our selections are complete



Sheaffer Self Filling Pens at prices from \$1.00 to \$5.00
White Ivory at prices from 25c to \$4.00
Fancy Stationery for 10c to \$3.00 per box
Perfumes and Toilet Waters from 25c to \$6.00 per pkg.

Christmas Boxes of Cigars

Books of all the latest titles

Good Books for boys and girls

from 25c up

Thermes Bottles, Harmonicas

Toilet Sets

Military Sets

Christmas Decorations

White Tissue Paper

Seals and Stickers

In fact it would take this entire page to mention all

Come in and see us. We are always glad to show goods, even if you do not buy one thing

A. M. LEWIS.

THE BUSY DRUGGIST

P. S.—Call for one of our Famous Weather Charts

We wish all our friends and

customers a

Merry Christmas

and

Happy New Year

M. Simpson Est.

Groceries



Merry Christmas to Our Friends and Patrons

Up to this time we have enjoyed a very satisfactory Xmas trade and we feel very grateful to the people of Grayling and vicinity for the liberal patronage that enables us to carry such a large selection under one roof. We want all the readers of the Crawford Avalanche and their friends as our customers. If you know of any one who has not yet visited our grand display make them acquainted with the facts concerning our store and let them follow the crowd.

Sorenson Brothers

Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 24

Mrs. M. Hanson is recovering from a serious attack of tonsillitis.

Burt Peterson is clerking in the Emil Kraus store during the holiday season.

Mrs. A. F. Gierke spent several days in Bay City, returning Monday afternoon.

Jeff Fogelson spent a couple of days last week in Flint, returning Saturday.

If you hate a man you also regard his dog as the sneakiest, orneryest brute in the world.

For First Class Livery and Heavy Work call Peter Jorgenson. Phone 853. Open day and night.

Mrs. Julius Pouzar of Lewiston was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ziebell over Sunday last.

We have the nicest assortment of Xmas seals and stickers that we have ever had. Lewis' Drug store.

Elmer Haire, who has been working in Bay City, has returned here and is again working for the M. C. R. R.

Fire insurance is too cheap to be without. Why are you so negligent?

GEO. L. ALEXANDER & SON.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose J. Meilstrup will spend Christmas at the home of Mrs. Meilstrup's parents in Bay City.

It is funny, but it is a fact. The rich think the poor are extravagant and the poor think the rich are stingy.

A. J. McInnis of Detroit returned to his home last Wednesday, after spending a week here, the guest of Miss Ida Milnes.

Miss Clara Nelson, who teaches in the schools at Iron Mountain in the Upper Peninsula, is home to spend the holidays.

I have resolved, commencing with Christmas, that I will patronize the antiseptic barber shop. Walter Cowell, proprietor.

Mrs. Cameron Game and little daughter Joyce left Monday to spend the holidays visiting relatives in Cadillac and Marion.

Mrs. E. Sargent and daughter, Mrs. John McPhee of Mackinaw were guests of the former's sister, Mrs. M. Shanahan last week.

The soft hearted men are the best fellows and have the most friends. But they are usually working for and paying rent to the hard headed man.

Thermos bottles in cases, casseroles, stationery, touring sets, ivory and ebony goods, and many other beautiful things await you at the Central Drug store.

Tax payers are hereby notified that the tax rolls for the township of Grayling are in the hands of the treasurer at the Bank of Grayling, ready for the collection of taxes.

Delicious brick ice cream will improve your Christmas dinner. We will have it in three flavors—strawberry, chocolate and vanilla. 35 cents per brick. Olaf Sorenson & Sons.

Those who attended the second number of the entertainment course at the Temple theatre Monday evening, under the auspices of the senior class of the high school, were highly pleased with the entertainer, Edward Elliott.

Mrs. Emil Hanson and daughter Elizabeth returned home Friday last from Bay City, where they had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Phelps, Jr., who recently moved to that city. Mr. Hanson, who accompanied them, returned home Thursday.

A little book, which has the name and date inside of the front cover, E. J. Schaeffer, Jan. 1st, 1864, was found on the street Monday night and brought into this office. The title of the book is "Pleasant Words" a story of everyday life, by Mrs. C. V. R. Hale. It is a very interesting little volume and is over 50 years old. This is probably a keepsake and the owner may have same by calling at this office.

The school teachers are leaving for their respective homes to enjoy the holiday season, the Misses Grace Jacobs to Owosso, Mich.; Marguerite Yutzy to Canton, Ohio; Clella Clark to Ithaca, Arville Jones to Gaylord; Brigetta Murray and Dorothy Judge to Alma, Mich.; Nellie Loss and Gertrude Rose to Vassar, Mich.; Emma Moehlmann to Montague, Mich.; Alvaretta Irving and Myrtle Reagan to Croswell, Mich.; Leone Lennon to Hurley, Wis.; and Della Hale to Springport. Miss Treveguo of the South side school is ill at Mercy hospital so will be unable to visit her home in Mt. Pleasant.

Remember Frank carries the Florsheim shoe that would make an excellent Christmas gift. F. Dreese.

We wish all our friends and customers

A Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year.

C. J. HATHAWAY

Jeweler and Optometrist



Only One More Day for Xmas Shopping

You will find this store the ideal shopping headquarters. Practical and serviceable presents for every man, woman and child. For your convenience we list a few of the many beautiful things now on display:

Flowing End Ties



One in a box, 25c and 50c.

Beautiful Silks and Patterns.

Silk Hosiery

Lisle Hosiery

Paris Garters

Fancy Armlets

Felt and Leather House Slippers

Beacon Blankets for bath robes

Handkerchiefs in cotton and linen 10c to 35c

Caps and Hats in every new style

Genuine Seal Skin Caps

Traveling Bags and Suit Cases

Fancy Suspenders, one in a box, 25c to 50c

A complete line of Men's Gloves and Mitts. Prices 50c to \$5.00

Men's and Boys' Sweaters

Men's Dress Shirts, 50c to \$2.00

Pajamas and Gowns



For the Lady, Miss and Girl

A wonderful selection of Handkerchiefs, narrow or wide hemmed

Fancy Collars

Auto Scarfs

Silk Scarfs

Dainty Aprons

Boudoir Slippers in open, orchid and lavender colors

Felt Slippers and Shoes, Ladies' and Children's Furs

A great variety of Hand Bags, very new styles, at 50c to \$8.00

Party Bags with accessories at \$3.00

Ladies' Kimonos at \$1.00 to \$5.00

Dressing Sacques 50c to 75c

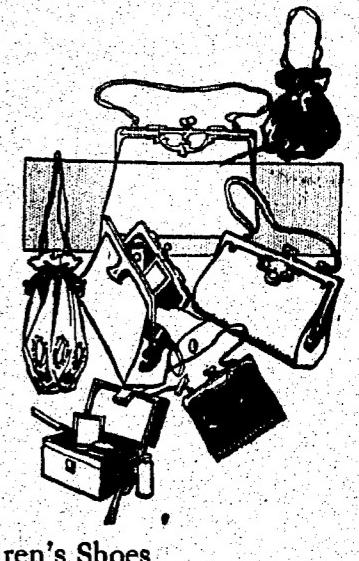
Flannel Gowns at 50c to \$1.00

Sweaters for girls and ladies

Ladies' and Children's Gloves, every kind, all prices

Infants' Booties, Bonnets, Sacques, Wool Bands and Shirts

Ladies' and Children's Shoes



Hundreds of articles that would appeal to you and that would make an ideal gift are here for your selection. Only one more shopping day. So come early.

Positive Price Reductions for Pre-Holiday Shoppers

If you are in need of a Skirt, Suit, or Coat you can't afford to miss the bargains in our Ladies Ready-to-Wear Dept.

Ladies Coats

\$ 8.00 Coats	\$ 5.98
10.00 Coats	7.48
12.50 Coats	9.25
15.00 Coats	10.98
20.00 Coats	14.50

Ladies Suits

\$ 25.00 Suits	\$ 19.50
18.00 Suits	14.50

Ladies Skirts

Very late style, in serges, granite cloth and fancy patterns at \$3.89 and up.

At these reductions you should have a new hat. Millinery reduced one-third.

Grayling Mercantile Co.

"THE QUALITY STORE"

Earl Woodburn, who is working in Detroit is spending Christmas at his home here.

That your Christmas may be a merry one and your New Year a happy and prosperous one is the sincere wish of the Grayling Mercantile Co.

F. H. Milks has installed a new McCaskey account system in his market.

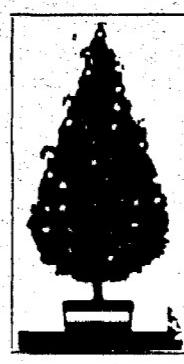
Mr. J. E. Crowley was in Ann Arbor last week consulting eye specialists. Mr. Crowley joined her in Detroit, where they spent a couple of days, returning home Saturday.

The boys and girls, who are attending the different colleges and educational institutions, are here to enjoy the Christmas festivities at their respective homes. The Misses Bernadette Cassidy and Mabel Nelson from Ferris Institute; Helen and Margaret Bauman from LaSalle Seminary, Auburndale, Mass.; Margarette Chamberlin, Augusta Kraus and Louise Peterman from the Normal at Ypsilanti; Stanley Inoley from Notre Dame in Indiana; Louis Joseph, Clyde Bum and Harry Conine from the U. of M. at Ann Arbor; Arthur McIntyre and Will J. Lander from M. A. C. at Lansing.

Original Drug store for the new year's Christmas goods.

Candy and Nuts for Xmas

A big line of Fresh Candy and Nuts at prices that will save you money. 15, 20, 22, 25 and 30c pound.



The best line of Good Things to Eat for your Xmas dinner to be found in the city. Fresh Fruit and Vegetable s

Call anyway. We will be glad to meet you

DeWAELE & SON

Successors to R. W. BRINK

The Home of Good Things to Eat

Fatima Cigarettes
—mild, delightful Turkish-Blend. The choicest of leaf—always a pure and wholesome smoke—always satisfactory.

"Distinctively Individual"

Loyall & Myers Tobacco Co.



NEW IN CONFIDENCE GAMES

Mining Promoter Working in New York Is Very Evidently a Man of Ideas.

Edgar Lewis, moving picture director, told a story to his guests in a cafe of a confidence man with new ideas. He called the swindler Nat Pierce in telling the story. Mr. Lewis said that he was sitting near a group of rich westerners in the Waldorf when he heard a voice calling "Nat Pierce, please." The westerners became interested. One of them said:

"That is the name of the clever promoter we met today. Let's see who is calling him."

They stopped the page and took the card. It was that of Senator Elihu Root.

"Ha, ha!" they said, "he must be all right. Here is Senator Root's card."

Soon another page came through "Peacock alley" calling "Nat Pierce, please!"

The westerners stopped him and looked at the card. It was that of M. Jusserand, the French ambassador.

"This is enough!" they chorused, and went out to look for Nat Pierce and his glittering opportunity. They found him carelessly shuffling a collection of cards ranging from Governor-elect Whitman's to that of President Poincaré of the republic of France.—New York Sun.

At the First Signs
Of falling hair get Cuticura. It works wonders. Touch spots of dandruff and itching with Cuticura Ointment, and follow next morning with a hot shampoo of Cuticura Soap. This at once arrests falling hair and promotes hair growth. For free sample each with 32-p. Skin Book, address post card: Cuticura, Dept. X, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Ad.

Their Trouble.
A member of the board of education, serving as chairman of the board of superintendents, was in need of a teacher, and he wanted a certain woman whom he knew to have passed the examination satisfactorily, but who for some reason had not yet been assigned. In his indignation he called up the office of the board and in a sharp, impatient voice asked:

"What is the matter with the board of superintendents, anyway?"

"The trouble with the board of superintendents," came the slowly drawn reply, "is that they take themselves too seriously. They forget that God made them just for the fun of it"—New York Evening Post.

Overheard by Mr. Mills.
At lunch, a Western Union office girl was reading a letter from a chum to the other girls. Describing a new dress the letter said: "It is certainly fine de siecle."

"Fin de siecle," repeated one of the girls, "what does that mean?"

"I don't know. Fin sounds like a fish. Maybe it means it was trimmed with fish net."—New York Sun.

Beautiful, clear white clothes delights the laundry who wear Red Cross Ball Blue. All grocers. Adv.

Her Collateral.
"Excuse me," said Bridget, putting her head in at the cashier's window, "but do I understand that you'll find money here on character?"

"Why—yes," hesitated the cashier. "This Old" joke fifty dollars, sorry, on moneys," said Bridget, producing a number of greasy references. "They're sivin' up them from me previous im-plyers."

But the cashier had fled. The idea of explaining the intricacies of collateral to lady with seven characters was too appalling.—Judge.

Don't Persecute Your Bowels

Our cathartics and purgatives. They are bland, harmless, non-irritating. Try Carter's Little Liver Pills.

Pure vegetable. Act quickly. Relieve constipation. Soothe the delicate workings of the bowels. Non-irritating. Non-stimulating. Non-drowsy. Non-drowsy, non-narcotic, non-sedative, non-sleepy.

SMALL PILLS, SMALL DOSES, SMALL PRICE.

Cathartics must bear Signature

Brentwood

WHY NOT TRY POPHAM'S ASTHMA MEDICINE?
Gives instant relief from Asthma, Coughs, Shortness of Breath, Headaches, Nausea, etc. Price 50c per bottle. Send for Sample. WILLIAMS DRUG CO., Prop., Cleveland, Ohio.

Children and Old-Fashioned Toys



"CHILDREN are conservative beings, even old fashioned, when it comes to choosing toys. They aren't up to date and as full of the modern spirit of progress and invention as the toymakers believe them to be."

Thus spoke one who is a sort of professional Santa Claus—that is, he has played the part at so many Sunday school Christmas parties that he sometimes imagines he is growing cotton whiskers.

"They display the same quaint, simple, old-fashioned taste as their grandfathers and grandmothers when they were children," he continued. "Most of them, do, anyhow. Every year the toy manufacturers break loose with a new crop of automatic racing cars, aeroplanes, submarines, fire engines and kicking donkeys. If the children were constructed on the same nervous clock-work plan, they would give old Santa Claus no rest unless he kept up with all the modern inventions. Instead of toy soldiers they would demand mortar batteries, and they would not be satisfied with mopey cows, but would demand that they have pedigree and give only certified milk and cream.

"They would not accept a Noah's ark unless it was a combination of the steamship *Lusitania* and a modern cement bungalow, with sleeping porches, twin-screw propellers, electric searchlights, wireless apparatus, second chattel mortgage—in fact, all the comforts of ship and home complete. They would require Mr. Noah to carry a pilot's license as well as a college degree in natural history. All the animals would have to be trained to do tricks, and poor Noah's family would have a fine time herding them while wearing wooden raincoats and stove-pipe hats.

"Fortunately children, real children, are not constructed that way. They want their arks on the old-fashioned plan, whereby you lift off the roof and find Noah minus his head, and most of the animals trying to hobble on three legs.

"Automobiles in miniature, with real

TO KNOW FUTURE HUSBAND

Many Old English Customs and Superstitions Center Around Christmas.

All down the ages girls have been eager to find out their future destiny—whether they will be "old maids," or, as they are now called, "bachelor girls," or wives and mothers. Christmas, as well as all the other festivals, has been allotted its customs and superstitions through which the secret of the future may be learned.

To find the answer to the important question, wife or old maid, a girl had to go alone on Christmas eve and knock on the henhouse door. If a cock answered her knock by crowing, she would be married, but if no cock crowed in answer, then she would be an old maid. This undertaking would require a good deal of courage in the old days of superstition, as on Christmas eve evil spirits were supposed to have increased power and ghosts were supposed to prow around.

If a girl wished to know the name of her future husband she took four onions and named each one after a boy friend. She then placed one in each corner of a room and the one that sprouted before January 6 bore the name of the man she would marry.

In some districts this was carried out rather differently. Several onions were selected and named and placed close together, and the one that sprouted first gave the name that was to be hers. We can imagine how carefully the warmest place would be chosen for some special onion.

HOW A SOLDIER REALLY FEELS IN BATTLE

London—An unidentified Russian private, writing from East Prussia, says:

"Yesterday, after an infernal shrapnel and rifle fire, we suddenly found ourselves in a German village, where I am now sitting at a pretty writing table, drinking red wine and scribbling to you."

"One talk of hell-fire on the battlefield, but I assure you it makes no more impression on me now than the

A Christmas Carol

by HENRY WADDELL LONGFELLOW

I HEAR along our street
Pens the minister throng;
Hark! They play so sweet,
On their banjos, Christmas songs!
Let us by the fire
Ever higher
Sing them till the night expire!

JIN December ring
Every day the chimneys;
Loud the gleemen sing
In the streets their many rhymes.
Let us by the fire
Ever higher
Sing them till the night expire!

SHEPHERDS at the grave,
Where the Babe was born,
Song with many a change
Christmas carols until morn.
Let us by the fire
Ever higher
Sing them till the night expire!

THESE good people sang
Songs devout and sweet;
While the rafters rang,
There they stood with freezing feet.
Let us by the fire
Ever higher
Sing them till the night expire!

NUNS in rigid cells
At this holy tide,
For want of something else,
Christmas songs at times have tried.
Let us by the fire
Ever higher
Sing them till the night expire!

WHO by the fireside stands,
Stamps his feet and sings;
But he who blows his hands
Not so gay a carol sings.
Let us by the fire
Ever higher
Sing them till the night expire!

WOMAN CONFESSES DETROIT MURDER

SLAYER OF AGED MISS BOMHOLT IS SAID TO BE MRS. ANTOINETTE BECKER.

SAYS ROBBERY WAS MOTIVE

Mystery Surrounding Awful Crime of Last Wednesday is Cleared Up By Statement of Accused Woman.

Detroit—Mrs. Antoinette Becker, 55 years old, 38 Twentieth street, confessed Sunday night, police say, that she killed Miss Frances Bomholt, the aged woman who was beaten to death in her home at 27 Austin street last Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Becker is the woman who sold bread and pastry to Miss Bomholt. The latter often had befriended her, giving her clothing and money.

Miss Bomholt was beaten to death with a piece of coal, Mrs. Becker confessed, while she was kneeling at her bedside, praying forgiveness for her assailant, who had attacked her first in the coal shed in the rear of her home.

Robbery was the motive. A \$10 and a \$5 bill, which Mrs. Becker said she took from a drawer in the pantry in the aged woman's home after the killing, was found in the toe of a shoe in Mrs. Becker's home, which Miss Bomholt had given Mrs. Becker two weeks ago for the latter's son.

Mrs. Becker confessed to Inspector John B. Downey, who had had personal charge of the investigation, Commissioner Gillespie, Assistant Prosecutor Jasnowski, Bertram D. Connolly, stenographer in Judge Connolly's court, Detectives Wilson, Lannan, John P. Smith, Martin Reid and Dubble, who had been closeted with her many hours Sunday afternoon and evening.

EUGENE ZIMMERMAN IS DEAD

Prominent Railroad Magnate Passes Away Suddenly in Cincinnati.

Cincinnati—Eugene Zimmerman, former president of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad and wealthy financier of this city, died suddenly at a club here late Sunday from hemorrhage of the lungs. Mr. Zimmerman was the father of the Duchess of Manchester.

When he was seized by the fatal attack he was engaged in studying records of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad preparatory, it is believed, to testifying before Comptroller Hall, of the Interstate commerce commission, who is conducting an investigation of the sale of that road and the Pere Marquette to J. P. Morgan & Co.

Mr. Zimmerman was active in bringing about the union of the two railroads and was prominent in the sale of the C. H. & D. which for the second time is in the hands of a receiver.

Mexicans Promise to Move.

Washington—Consul Agent Carroll telegraphed the state department Sunday that Gov. Maytorena, commanding the Villa forces besieging Gen. Hill's garrison at Naco, Sonora, was preparing to withdraw his troops to a point 10 or 12 miles from the border to eliminate the possibility of further firing into American territory. This move has been awaited by officials here since Provisional President Gutierrez announced that he had directed Maytorena to abandon the attack on Naco unless the operations could be carried on without sending bullets across the international line.

The kiss of the Scandinavian goddess expanded into the custom of a kiss given for every berry that grew on the bush. Small wonder that, in spite of the mistletoe having originally existed in the odor of the sanctuary, the church came to regard it as an entirely pagan symbol and refused to allow it to participate with the lily and the evergreen in the Yuletide decorations.

There is an ancient belief that the mistletoe was the tree from which the holy cross was hewn and that after this was made the plant withered and ever afterward became a mere parasitic growth, clinging for support to other and sturdier trees.

Other stories, however, credit it with divine gifts in the healing of diseases and the expulsion of evil spirits.

Ram, the high priest of the Celts, received in a dream the intimation that by means of the plant he would be enabled to save his people from the plague which was decimating them. To celebrate their delivery he instituted the feast of Noel (new health), a midwinter holiday, which has come to be considered coincident with the new year.

In many parts of the United Kingdom the silver berries and the gray-green leaves of the mistletoe are looked upon as anything but an emblem of good cheer; on the contrary, the plant is regarded with dread as being the bringer of ill luck and the sign of ill omens. This superstition exists both in Devonshire and in Ireland, and, strange to say, in neither of these places does the plant flourish, owing to the fact that both incurred the displeasure of the Druids and were in consequence cursed in such a way that their soil became incapable of nourishing the sacred growth.

In the sixth book of *Aeneid* a lengthy description of the mistletoe is given by Virgil, who makes the Sibyl describe to his hero the exact spot in hedges where he will find it growing. There is little doubt that the strange ethereal appearance of the little opaque berry is largely responsible for the mystic character it has enjoyed among the people of diverse nations from the earliest historical times.

"John," said the Loving Wife, "I intended to get you a nice new necklace for Christmas, but I am ashamed to acknowledge that in the rush of the shopping I completely forgot it."

"Thank you, nevertheless," said the Happy Husband.

ANNUAL "HOLLER" DAY.

When children have their Christmas toys, the house will ring with laughter again. And thus, in truth, by girls and boys, is Christmas made a "holler" day.

You can no more live with fear in war than in peace without a heart.

To murder is sometimes necessary, sometimes glorious—never a crime. Things like regular sleep, proper food or hygiene one looks upon as crazy anomalies.

We seek other forms of beauty and delight in the exploits of Cossacks, in the beauty of the dark sky shot through along the whole horizon with tongues of flame. One seeks new harmonies in the booming of the cannon and the crackling of rifles.

London—A dispatch from Calais reports that two bombs were dropped by a German hydroplane that flew over Calais Sunday afternoon. One of the missiles dropped in the sea and the other struck near the railway station without causing any damage.

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What He Meant.

Georgia Farmer Was Looking Forward to Period When Hard Work Should Be Over.

"Perhaps it is best, after all," remarked the rejected author, as he lingered in the hall. "A man of twenty-five would soon tire of a wife who hoisted round the thirty-two mark."

"Why, Mr. Arden,"

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With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!

REFRAIN, after each Strophe.

Hark! the herald an - gel-sing Glo - ry to the new-born King. A-men.

3. Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
4. Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

A Merry Christmas to All

By the time this paper reaches you it will be time to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. So here goes. It will soon be a year since I settled in your midst, apparently I am as happy and contented as I ever have been in my life, excepting my inspirations and my ambitions. It seems too good to me and makes me more ambitious each year to accomplish greater things in my special lines.

In the face of the change of the time in which we are all taking notice at this writing, it looks evident from the present standing and surroundings there will be more useful than ornamental articles used during these holidays. To this end I have used my best judgment in selecting more of the useful than the ornamental articles in my store. In the face of the cold weather what is more useful than many of the articles here enumerated. How can a child be pleased when the feet, ears or hands are freezing? Can you sooth them with a toy? What is more heart rending than to have the husband come home at night with wet, cold hands wearing a pair of cotton mitts, when you can get a good pair of wool mitts at Frank's for 25c. Those big heavy 36c socks Frank is selling for 25c make the heart glad and brings out the smile.

This store is no more or less than a hole in the wall and is filled with good things to the brim and when it is crowded with merry ambitious customers I am obliged to say "sit down you are rocking the boat." From now until Xmas I am going to leave it all to you to come and spend your money for good things. If I have invited you once I have a thousand times and here give you the big benevolent invitation again. I have no time or space to give you prices this time, so come to the store and see for yourself.

Ladies' and Men's Slippers in felts and leather.

Ladies' and Men's Handkerchiefs at all prices.

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Ladies' and Men's Shoes from \$2.75 to \$5.50.

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Nice hand painted Chinaware at various prices.

Nice Poodle Dogs for children, can not break.

A few Trunks must be closed out for want of space; good bargains.

Suit Cases; a good line for the holidays.

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Men's and Boys' Caps, Wool and Leather Gloves.

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Come in and look me over for Bargains in First-Class Goods.

Frank Dreese

The Yellow Front Store, opposite Court House

Local News

Frank Klasner of Big Rapids was a guest of Miss Florence Countryman last Thursday.

William Lamont of Montpelier, Ohio, is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Al Cramer.

Sorenson Bros' furniture store and M. Simpson Est., grocery, are passing out beautiful calendars this week.

Miss Helen Reagan is home from the Ursuline Academy in Toledo, Ohio, to spend the holiday season.

Lorne Douglas visited relatives and friends here this week enroute to his home in Johannesburg from the U. of M. at Ann Arbor.

Miss Lillie Fischer, who is a teacher in the primary department of the Johannesburg schools, is spending the holidays at her home.

F. M. Gates, accompanied by his niece, Miss Lilas Gates visited the former's son, Clyde, here over Sunday. They were enroute from Bayne City to Detroit, where they expect to make their home.

The new Grayling fish hatchery has begun active operations and now has on hand a half million eggs which are in process of hatching. Another shipment of a half million eggs are expected this week. The public is invited to visit the hatchery at any time they may care to do so.

Arthur Ostrander was taken to the asylum at Traverse City last Saturday by Sheriff Benedict. He has been laboring under a slight mental trouble for a few weeks and it is hoped that his treatment there will bring on an early recovery. His case is considered very slight and no serious trouble is anticipated.

The new balcony at the opera house will be completed and formally opened on Christmas night. This will seat about 125 people and is an extension of the former small balcony. This addition will extend about 10 feet further out into the room than before, and is heavily supported and Mr. Gurnett says "perfectly safe." For the opening night the balcony will be specially decorated for the occasion, by Henry Joseph. On Saturday night will be produced the movie play, "Sons of Fortune," with Dustin Farnum playing the leading role. This is a great war picture reproducing some of the scenes of the Cuban war.

Dated December 17th, A. D. 1914.

JAS. A. KALAMAN,

T. E. LEWIS,

Commissioners

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Beaver Creek Breezes.

Glen Hanna has returned home from Buffalo, N. Y., where he has been working.

Mrs. Jennie Peters and little son

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Notice of Hearing Claims Before Court.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for the
County of Crawford.

In the matter of the estate of Christian W. Range, Deceased.

Having been appointed commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, we do hereby give notice that 4 months from the 17th day of Oct., A. D., 1914, were allowed by said court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and adjustment, and that we will meet at the office of the county clerk in the village of Grayling, in said county, on the second day of January, A. D., 1915, and on the 17th day of Feb., A. D., 1915, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and adjusting said claims.

Dated November 17, A. D., 1914.
JOHN J. NIEDERER,
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Commissioners.

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